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U. S. 2006 Dry Pea Acreage At Record High Lentil Acreage Down Slightly From A Year Ago

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 12, 2006--**Dry Edible Peas:** Planted acres of dry edible peas in the United States is expected to reach a record 895,000 acres, 11 percent above 2005. Harvested area is forecast at 865,000 acres, also up 12 percent from 2005. Area planted in North Dakota, at 580,000 acres, is 7 percent above a year ago. This is 40,000 acres above the previous record high set last year. Planting started in mid-April but was delayed due to a late winter storm and wet fields at month's end. Dry conditions during May enabled farmers to plant at a normal pace. Montana dry edible pea growers planted 190,000 acres, up 41 percent from a year ago. Washington farmers planted dry edible peas on 70,000 acres, down 12 percent from 2005. Excessive moisture and storms delayed planting, and increased plantings of garbanzo beans have lowered the overall area planted in dry edible peas.

Lentils: Planted acreage of lentils in Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Washington is estimated at 420,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2005. Montana growers planted 140,000 acres, 7 percent less than 2005. Although down from last year, acreage remains high as government Loan Deficiency Payments are still in effect. Washington growers planted 75,000 acres compared with 85,000 last year. Washington falls to third place behind Montana and North Dakota in planted acres. Excessive moisture slowed planting to a below normal pace. Prices remained near last year's level, but were lower when compared with the 2003 and 2004 crops. This has contributed to the acreage decrease.

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Dry Edible Peas: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2005-2006 1/

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	48.0	45.0	46.0	43.0
Montana	135.0	190.0	122.0	175.0
North Dakota	540.0	580.0	515.0	560.0
Oregon	5.0	10.0	4.9	9.6
Washington	80.0	70.0	78.0	69.0
United States	808.0	895.0	765.9	856.6

1/ Excludes both wrinkled seed peas and Austrian winter peas.

Lentils: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production, by States, and U.S., 2004-2005

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested	
	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres			
Idaho	65.0	55.0	63.0	53.0
Montana	150.0	140.0	146.0	130.0
North Dakota	150.0	150.0	146.0	145.0
Washington	85.0	75.0	84.0	74.0
United States	450.0	420.0	439.0	402.0

Dry Edible Peas: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1996-2006

Crop Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1996	109,000	108,000	1,300	1,404,000	11.60	16,286	151
1997	126,000	126,000	2,080	2,621,000	7.80	20,444	162
1998	108,000	108,000	2,170	2,344,000	7.80	18,283	169
1999	110,000	110,000	2,020	2,222,000	5.80	12,888	117
2000	65,000	65,000	2,100	1,365,000	6.00	8,190	126
2001	62,000	62,000	2,000	1,240,000	6.40	7,936	128
2002	76,000	76,000	2,000	1,520,000	8.85	13,452	177
2003	83,000	82,000	1,500	1,230,000	8.80	10,824	132
2004	88,000	87,000	2,400	2,088,000	6.80	14,198	163
2005	80,000	78,000	1,700	1,326,000	5.41	7,174	92
2006	70,000	69,000					

Lentils: Acreage, Yield, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1996-2006

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield Per Harvested Acre	Production	Marketing Year Average Price	Value of Production	Value Per Harvested Acre
	Acres		Pounds	Cwt.	\$ Per Cwt.	1,000 Dollars	Dollars
1996	63,000	62,000	1,100	682,000	17.20	11,730	189
1997	83,000	82,000	1,360	1,115,000	13.00	14,495	177
1998	62,000	62,000	1,350	837,000	11.80	9,877	159
1999	75,000	75,000	1,300	975,000	12.30	11,993	160
2000	85,000	85,000	1,500	1,275,000	9.80	12,495	147
2001	80,000	80,000	1,600	1,280,000	9.40	12,032	150
2002	80,000	80,000	1,400	1,120,000	15.20	17,024	213
2003	93,000	91,000	1,000	910,000	18.20	16,562	182
2004	95,000	93,000	1,200	1,116,000	14.90	16,628	179
2005	85,000	84,000	900	756,000	11.80	8,921	106
2006	75,000	74,000					